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**Academic Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2013**  
**(Approved)**

***Call to Order***

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order.

***Roll Call***

Senate Secretary Susan Kalter called the roll and declared a quorum.

***Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2013***

**Motion XLIV-43:** By Senator Stewart, seconded by Senator Hoelscher, to approve the Academic Senate Minutes of January 23, 2013. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Gizzi)***

**Senator Gizzi:** FAC met at Loyola University in Chicago. We talked about pensions and how we need to draft a statement to present the faculty perspective on the issue. I have no sense of how this message would be transmitted or to whom it would be sent. We met with a former senator who is the chair of the P-20 Council. The council brings together people from K-12 to higher education and is a state mandated council that is not funded by the state. FAC wants to play a role on this, but the membership is legislatively mandated. We discussed that many Illinois high school students are being lured out of state to public universities in places like Missouri and Iowa, who are offering quite lucrative packages. In the afternoon, we met the President of the Federation of Independent Colleges and Universities. We talked about distinguishing between good private institutions and bad private institutions. There was some discussion about the for-profit-institutions, particularly in terms of them receiving MAP funding and Pell awards. The IBHE Faculty Fellows Program, which our chair has been pushing for the opportunity for faculty from universities in Illinois to spend a semester or a year as a fellow at the IBHE. The new interim director likes the idea. He is actually willing to put up a little bit of money for it, so a committee is being formed to discuss the idea of creating a Faculty Fellows Program.

***Chairperson's Remarks***

**Senator Holland:** I would like to thank everyone who came out for the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee Forum. Everything is coming together at this point.

***Student Body President's Remarks***

**Senator Manno:** SGA is hosting a food pantry RSO competition. SGA has a food pantry and we are inviting all RSOs to compete with one another to see who can collect the most of food for the pantry. The competition will go from February 5<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>. The first place RSO will receive a pizza party and a \$30 gift certificate from PIP and a first place certificate. On February 17, SGA is hosting a pack the place for the Wichita men's basketball game. We are handing out 200 free tickets to students. On the smoking policy, signs were placed up around the quad. We have been getting good feedback on it.

***Administrators' Remarks***

• ***President Al Bowman***

**President Bowman:** Today was Governor Quinn's State of the State Address. He talked about a wide range of topics, including an assault weapons' ban, raising the minimum wage, allowing online voter registration. He didn't say very much about education or the state's budget problems. He did mention pension reform and expressed his support for Senate Bill 1, which violates the Constitution's impairment clause. The public presidents met yesterday in Chicago and talked about a wide range of topics, including pensions and conceal carry. The people writing the bill have been very responsive to the concerns of universities and, at this point,

have agreed to allow institutions to opt out. The president's group was joined by Martha Kanter, the Under Secretary of Education. She gave a good presentation on various higher ed issues that the Obama administration would like to move through. The support for the Pell Grant program by the administration really couldn't be stronger. The real fight will be hanging on to those dollars in the next fiscal year.

**Senator Liechty:** Would the decision to make our campus gun-free be at the level of the board?

**President Bowman:** I am assuming that I would be able to do it unilaterally. I don't think it would need board approval, but I would consult with the board as a courtesy, which would support what we wanted to do. My assumption is that the campus would want it to be a gun-free zone. I am assuming this group would support a blanket ban.

- **Provost Sheri Everts**

**Provost Everts:** We are at the largest number ever of freshmen applications in the history of Illinois State. Diversity is up in all categories in applications and admitted students. The ACT average of admitted students is nearly 25. The Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technologist finalists were on campus last week and the week before. The search committee will meet soon to cull the campus feedback. The search committee for the next cross-endowed chair for Scholarship, Teaching and Learning recently held interviews and will soon have finalists for on-campus interviews. Those forums will be listed on the provost website. The Honors Director search committee has a for-best-consideration date of February 11, so they will soon have phone interviews and on-campus interviews. The Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies search committee, which is chaired by Panel of 10 faculty member Dr. Anu Gokhale, is currently culling the candidate pool and we anticipate on-campus interviews during the week of April 8. Of course, there will be open forums for the campus community. Finally, the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management search committee is nearly in the same position as the AVP for Research, but it is aiming for April 22 for its on-campus finalist interviews. Each of those searches is updated on the provost website. The annual Academic Affairs budget presentations by each of the college deans will be April 2 and 3 in the morning. The campus community is invited to those.

**Senator Kalter:** I have a question about the EMAS search. Was there a restructuring or a promotion in the Provost's Office? It used to be that Jonathan Rosenthal was in that position and now he has been promoted in the Provost's Office and we are looking to fill an EMAS position?

**Provost Everts:** There was a restructuring primarily through the General Education Taskforce recommendations, which was to ensure that there be someone on campus solely for General Education. So Jonathan has moved into that position.

**Senator Kalter:** It used to be that Gen Ed was run out of the CAS dean's office under Sally Parry's leadership. So that means that part of her job is going to Jonathan's new job and he is going to have another half of a job added on to his position?

**Provost Everts:** Seven or eight additions... Sally was on the General Education Taskforce and, as associate dean, she had that as well as all of her other duties.

**Senator Ellerton:** In terms of applications, in a previous report, you mentioned that we were up compared to other universities. Have you been able to look at why enrollment and applications are up so that can be sustained?

**Provost Everts:** One of the things we thought initially was there was a slight change to the application and the essay became optional, but we really can't assume that all of the additional applications are due to that fact. We are continuing to monitor that and determine why that it is the case.

**President Bowman:** The reputation of the campus is better than it was 20 years ago.

**Senator Manno:** With enrollment being up and with south side being decommissioned now, is there any talk that that could cause an issue with housing?

**Provost Everts:** Applications are up. We do not anticipate that we will exceed our freshman class.

**Senator Cox:** Is that report contradictory to Senator Gizzi's report about Iowa receiving 30% of Illinois students?

**Provost Everts:** We do see increasing competition from adjoining states and are addressing that in our five-year enrollment plan. We are not ignoring that. It's just that given the reputation, given the quality of an education at Illinois State, we are not experiencing some of the difficulties that other institutions are.

**Senator Holland:** The budget presentations are going to be at the Alumni Center starting at 9:00?

**Provost Everts:** Yes, and I will make that announcement to you many times during future Senate meetings.

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Dietz***

**Senator Dietz:** I want to commend Student Government on their food pantry initiative as well as all the signs around campus on the no smoking policy. In terms of successes, last week we had our millionth person go through the turn-style at the rec center. We have also had an RFP on the street for the bookstore contract. Two organizations have bid and we are reviewing those bids right now.

**Senator Kalter:** Can you elaborate on the bookstore contract?

**Senator Dietz:** We received two bids. One is from Barnes and Noble and one is from Neebo. The contract will be for five years with one-year rolls in addition to that.

**Senator Kalter:** The bookstore in the Student Center, we have them on a fixed contract and that has come up for renewal?

**Vice President Dietz:** That's right. That runs out at the end of this academic year.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell***

**Vice President Layzell:** The Long-Range Financial Plan open forums were both well attended. There is also currently going on a survey, which the campus community has been informed of. As of today, we have received just under 1,000 responses. In terms of state payments, the state began making payments to us for FY13 in January. As of today, we have received \$11.3 million of our \$74 million appropriation for this year. We also received our fall MAP payment of \$7.6 million in January. The governor's budget address was pushed back to March 6. We apologize for the heat outage on the west side of campus today. There was a leak. As of 3:00 p.m. today, all the heat is back on. The Hancock renovation is proceeding very nicely and we are on track to open the stadium in August. The Hovey renovation—we are very near to opening the front door of Hovey again. The plumbing renovation in Hovey is just about complete as well. Williams Hall—the program is underway to create a classroom that accommodates 100 students. That should be operational by fall of this year.

**Senator Ellerton:** Do you have an update on the repair of the School Street parking garage elevator?

**Vice President Layzell:** I do not, but I will check on that and get back to the Senate.

**Senator Kalter:** Do you have an update on the sewer gas leak problem in Stevenson Hall?

**Vice President Layzell:** They continue to try to track that down and hopefully we can get that resolved quickly.

**Senator Stewart:** Do you have an update on the fine arts complex?

**Vice President Layzell:** We continue to get very favorable signals from the governor's office and we are hopeful that a formal announcement will be forthcoming in the very near future.

**Senator Cox:** There was last year or the year before some discussion about instituting a separate research facility on par with CTLT in terms of the resources that might be offered.

**Provost Everts:** I will get an update; progress is being made.

***Committee Reports:***

***Academic Affairs Committee***

**Senator Gizzi:** We began our consideration of the proposed General Education Program changes. Jonathan Rosenthal provided us with a summary of the changes that have been proposed to the catalog and a brief overview of the history of General Education at ISU, as well as other recommendations of the General Education Taskforce. We then turned to how we will consider the substance of these proposals. The committee decided that we are going to ask for the input of the full Senate to assist in our deliberations. We are going to ask Jonathan to come to the Senate and provide basically the same presentation that he gave to us as an overview of the issue. We will also provide you with the written materials. This will not be designed to be a debate of the issue. We are going to give you the information and then ask senators to submit any issues or concerns that they have in writing to myself or to Senator Stewart. If you have concerns about things, propose solutions. We acknowledge that there may be some issues that are raised that could be on the content of particular courses in General Education, not the structure of the program. That's fine, but we will put that off until we have completed the program review. Once we get your input, we will then consider those issues in our review of the recommendations. It is our goal to get input from senators to help guide our deliberations. Then we will submit our recommendations to the Senate for its full consideration and debate.

**Senator Lessoff:** Did the UCC submit a report approving the changes?

**Senator Gizzi:** It wasn't a report; it was just the changes themselves. We have a variety of materials. We have the General Education Taskforce recommendations. Those went to the Council on General Education and to the UCC. There were only minor changes. The UCC voted on the catalog changes for the 2014 catalog. That part of it is what is before us right now as well as the other recommendations. There are other recommendations that are not in the catalog. They go to the entire process of General Education. Tonight, we considered a five-page synopsis of the whole thing that we will give to you, plus access to all of the other materials, and then we will ask you for your input.

***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

**Senator Kalter:** I want to remind you that the committee has out the questionnaire on the chairpersons policy. As I said last time, if we had time and resources enough, we would go to every department and meet with the faculty and get their opinions. Since we do not, we would like for everybody to fill out that questionnaire and announce it to your departments and encourage them. If you want to have a department meeting about it and collect data that way, we would be happy to accept it in that form. Tonight, we went into closed session and discussed the presidential commentary that we have just received. We split up into subcommittees to create that report for the Board of Trustees. We deferred the item on the AIF recommendations report that we usually do because we did not have time to talk about it. We will be rescheduling that for March 6.

**Senator Gatto:** For a faculty meeting, you would accept just going in and printing off the survey and having that done at a faculty meeting and turning that in on paper?

**Senator Kalter:** That would be fine. The survey is long and it is a little complex because if you don't click certain things, you will skip certain pages. There is one question about how often the reviews should happen and if you say on the same schedule, you skip three pages and go to the next question. That would be fine. If you need a copy of that, anybody can contact me and I can print it out so that you can send it around to your department and have them send that in. That is usually the case for all the surveys we send out. There is a paper option and you can always contact the committee chair for them.

***Faculty Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Horst:** The committee discussed the Grading Practice Policy. We had discussions on how to proceed on a financial exigency policy and we are in the beginning stage of developing a survey on the Monday/Wednesday/Friday scheduling issue that was brought up in a report by Jonathan Rosenthal.

***Planning and Finance Committee:***

**Senator Rich:** Over the past two weeks, committee members have been putting together by email this year's Institutional Priorities Report. We are finalizing specific voting items for our next meeting and you will all see the committee's effort in a few weeks.

***Rules Committee:***

**Senator Fazel:** The committee continued discussion of the Code of Ethics. We are hopeful to have a document soon.

***Information Items:***

***01.25.13.01 Baccalaureate Degree Document-Revised (Academic Affairs Committee)***

**Senator Stewart:** The policy on the baccalaureate degree has three changes. There is a replacement of the nine-hour overlap rule for minors and majors within the same department with language proposed by the UCC. The spirit of the requirement is that students should not acquire a minor simply by virtue of a major. The second is language recommended by legal counsel on disciplinary holds. It says that students cannot graduate until the hold issue is resolved. The third issue is the deletion of language that says that no more than three hours of General Education will be taken in a student's major department may also be applied to a student's major. The effect is to allow more General Ed hours to overlap with the major.

**Senator Kalter:** How does the major/minor option affect the IDS minors? Right now, we have the rule that you can only count nine credit hours towards the minor. Does that mean that they can take 12 credit hours out of one department or does this only apply with the minor that goes along with the major?

**Vice President Rosenthal:** The latter. Since there is no IDS major, there is no restriction on IDS minors because your minor, for example, is composed of courses from IDS and Anthropology, so even if someone took five courses from Anthropology, those would not overlap with IDS in terms of majors.

***01.25.13.02 Dress Codes Policy-Revised (Academic Affairs Committee)***

**Senator Stewart:** This is a policy about dress code policies. It is not a dress code policy. We did not make any revisions other than changing punctuation and wording. We basically left it alone.

***01.28.13.06 Financial Implications Form-Revised (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)***

**Senator Kalter:** This Financial Implications Form goes along with any curricular proposal. About two years ago, when Jan Murphy was the Associate Provost, she wanted to make some changes to this form because IBHE had made changes to what they wanted to see. They eliminated things like when you propose a degree program, you have to tell us year 1, year 2, etc. how many degrees you are expecting. Now they only do it for

year 1 and year 5. They added the budget rationale so that this will start a conversation between the faculty or department who is about to propose a new curriculum with the provost to make sure that there are budgetary resources for any new or changed program. Associate Provost Jawahar added the request for a brief description of the proposed program. The committee added a couple of questions for the budgetary rationale.

***01.25.13.07 Religious Observances Policy - Revised (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)***

**Senator Kalter:** This policy came up on the five-year review cycle and we added one line. Someone asked who you go to if someone violates this policy. So we added the line, questions about this policy should be directed to the Office of Equal Opportunity, Ethics and Access.

***Adjournment***

**Motion XLIV-44:** By Senator Dawson, seconded by Senator Hoelscher, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.